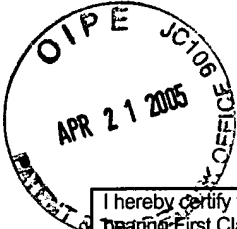


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Application No.: 10/037,871

Examiner: PENDLETON, B. T.

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For: A HARD DISK DRIVE WITH SELF-CONTAINED ACTIVE ACOUSTIC NOISE REDUCTION

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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

1. Transmitted herewith is an amendment for this application

☒ Transmitted herewith is a response to an office action for the above identified patent application.  
( 11 sheets)  
Transmitted herewith are \_\_\_\_\_ sheets of substitute formal drawings.  
Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Applicant is other than a small entity

**Extension of Term**

3. The proceedings herein are for a patent application and the provisions of 37 C.F.R. 1.136 apply.

(a) ☐ Applicant petitions for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 (fees: 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)-(d) for the total number of months checked below:)

<u>Extension</u>	<u>Fee</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> one month	\$120.00
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<input type="checkbox"/> four months	\$1,590.00

**Fee \$** \_\_\_\_\_

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

(b) ☒ Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition for extension of time.

**Fee Calculation**

4. The fee for claims (37 C.F.R. 1.16(b)-(d)) has been calculated as shown below:

<b>(for other than a small entity)</b>					
Fee Items	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number of Claims Previously Paid For	Present Extra Claims	Fee Rate	Total
Total Claims	22	- 22 =	0	x \$50.00	\$0.00
Independent Claims	4	- 4 =	0	x \$200.00	\$0.00
Multiple Dependent Claim Fee (one or more, first added by this amendment)				\$360.00	\$0.00
<b>Total Fees</b>					<b>\$0.00</b>

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5. The full fee due in connection with this communication is provided as follows:
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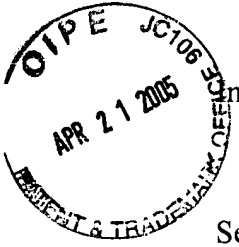
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 18, 2005, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified patent application. Please consider the following amendments and remarks for allowance of the above-identified patent application.